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For: FIREARM AND IMPULSE MONITORING DEVICE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At column 3, line 24, insert the following new paragraph:

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary, diagrammatic side view of an alternate embodiment of the firearm monitoring device of Fig. 1.

At column 4, line 52 to line 66:

Inertia switch assembly 4 functions as a means for generating a signal in response to substantially each recoil of a firearm. As will be appreciated, there are numerous other equivalent structures which can provide the same functionality. For example, ball 22 could actuate an actuator, which could be a plunger or a device which is merely responsive to the proximal presence of the ball rather than displacement of a plunger. Various other arrangements of the ball and spring design could also be used. For example, the direction of the assembly could be reversed, or the spring located on the opposite side of the ball (with the appropriate change to the location of contact 20).

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